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20 March, 1956

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

Subject: COBAT Meeting, 19 March, 1956

1. The Report and Recommendations Concerning Television in Europe was approved by the Working Group for ~~transmittal~~ submission to the March 23 Board Assistants' meeting. The action recommended was for concurrence in the report for transmittal to the board for its consideration on 11 April, 1956.

2. During this meeting, Mr. T. H. E. Nesbitt, representing TRIB and State Department called attention to the status of the six megawatt transmitters presently stored in ~~SSA~~ the Terminal Warehouse in Brooklyn. Mr. Nesbitt was critical of the fact that nearly a year ago despite approval by the President of the plan contained in NSC papers for the use of these transmitters, only one of the six had been ~~six~~ requested, and that by RFE. The onus appeared to fall on USIA, and Mr. Robert Button said he would investigate the matter. The feeling of other members of the Working Group was that Mr. Streibert may have had some reason for not taking action ~~which~~ ~~which~~ ~~which~~ which might be related to budget requirements.

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